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SUBJECT: FY76 PARTIAL IV GRANT NOMINATION

1. POST NOMINATES FOR FY76 PARTIAL IV GRANT MR. SHIGEO OMORI, DEPUTY CHIEF EDITORIAL WRITER, ASAHI SHIMBUN. OMORI IS AN ACCURATE AND WELL-INFORMED OBSERVER OF JAPANESE POLITICAL SCENE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; FIRM SUPPORTER OF CLOSE US-JAPAN RELATIONS AND HELPED DRAFT RECENT ASAHI EDITORIAL STRESSING NEED FOR CONTINUED CLOSE TIES. EXPECTED TO BE NEXT CHIEF EDITORIAL WRITER.

2. OMORI WILL ATTEND IPI SPONSORED US-JAPAN NEWSPAPER EDITORS CONFERENCE AT WINGSPREAD, RACINE, WISCONSIN, NOVEMBER 2-4. AFTER CONFERENCE HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH CURRENT ISSUES IN U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY KOREAN QUESTION, WITH US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS AND ACADEMICS. HE IS OLD FRIEND OF KOREAN OPPOSITION LEADER KIM DAE JUNG AND RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING ASAHI EDITORIALS ON KOREAN QUESTION.

3. GRANT SHOULD INCLUDE PER DIEM FOR 9 DAYS FROM NOVEMBER 6 THROUGH 14 AND SOME DOMESTIC TRAVEL. WILL POSSESS TOKYO/WASHINGTON ROUND-TRIP TICKET.

4. PROGRAM PROPOSALS:

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NOV. 6 ARRIVE WASHINGTON IN A.M. FROM PITTSBURGH (WILL SPEND NOV. 5 PITTSBURGH INVITED BY PRESIDENT BLACK OF PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE.)

NOV. 6 P.M.; NOVEMBER 7 AND 10 MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH KOREA (ESPECIALLY WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM GLEYSTEN, KOREAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR O'DONAHUE, STAFF OF SENATE AND HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES. EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE RECOMMENDS SENATOR EAGLETON AND CONGRESSMEN SOLARZ AND BROOMFIELD, RECENT TOKYO VISITORS, INTERESTED IN OCCASIONAL FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE ON KOREAN AFFAIRS. LABATT WRITING LETTER ABOUT OMORI TO EAGLETON.

THOMAS BARNES, ASIA MAN ON NSC TO DISCUSS KOREA (MET HIM HERE IN SEPT.).

NOV. 8-9 WILLIAMSBURG - OBSERVE PLACES WHERE EMPEROR VISITED.

NOV. 11-14 NEW YORK AND VICINITY PROFESSOR JAMES MORLEY, BREZINSKI AND OTHER ACADEMICS FOLLOWING KOREAN ISSUE. JAPAN SOCIETY, IF POSSIBLE, INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH OLD JAPAN-HAND TYPES SUCH AS EMERSON CHAPIN. RUENITZ KNOWS OF OMORI VISIT. CALL ON U.S. PERM REP TO UN DANIEL MOYNIHAN OR DEPUTY PERM REP BENNET REGARDING KOREAN ISSUE.

5. BIODATA: PAST POSITION, ASAHI CORRESPONDENT, LONDON. BORN FEBRUARY 21, 1922. MIYAGI PREFECTURE. MARRIED; DAUGHTER (23) AND SON (20). ADDRESS: 38-27, 2-CHOME, HON-CHO, NAKANO-KU, TOKYO. NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. GRADUATED HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY, 1943. MEMBER, FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB OF JAPAN. TRAVEL TO US: 10 DAYS, 1973, TO ACCOMPANY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA. OTHER COUNTRIES: 1959-63; WHILE IN LONDON AS CORRESPONDENT VISITED SEVERAL EUROPEAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES. SPEAKS ENGLISH HESITATINGLY. REQUIRES INTERPRETER EXCEPT IN WILLIAMSBURG.

6. POST SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT COORDINATE WITH ASAHI WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF MATSUYAMA WHO MAY HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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